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BELIEVE DEPT SHOULD BE AWARE OF PROBLEM WHICH DEVELOPED
HERE WITH SILUNGWES' TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS JUST BEFORE THEIR
DEPARTURE. WHILE GRZ ARRANGED FOR CHIEF JUSTICE TO TRAVEL
FIRST CLASS, MRS. SILUNGWE, WHO IS TRAVELING TO WASHINGTON
UNDER USAID ASSISTED PROGRAM IN NUTRITION FIELD AND WHO IS
ACCOMPANYING HUSBAND, WAS AUTHORIZED ONLY ECONOMY CLASS
TICKET. CHIEF JUSTICE TOOK OFFENSE AT THIS ARRANGEMENT AND
AT ONE POINT CANCELLED WIFE'S VISIT UNTIL ZAMBIA AIRWAYS
AGREED TO LET MRS. SILUNGWE RIDE FIRST CLASS TO LONDON. WE
ARE UNAWARE WHETHER EFFORTS TO MAKE SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS
WITH PANAM FOR TRANS-ATLANTIC FLIGHT WERE SUCCESSFUL. IF NOT,
SILUNGWE MAY EXPRESS DISPLEASURE TO DEPT AND REQUEST
ASSISTANCE IN FACILITATING FIRST CLASS RETURN TRAVEL FOR
MRS. SILUNGWE. IF SO, ZAMBIA AIRWAYS WOULD PROBABLY
BE WILLING TO MAKE SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS FROM LONDON
BUT WE WOULD NEED KNOW SILUNGWES' RETURN FLIGHT DATA.
ALTHOUGH WE HAVE TRIED TO GET FOREIGN MINISTRY TO
ASSUME COMPLETE RESPONSIBILITY FOR WORKING OUT ANY PROBLEMS
RELATED TO SILUNGWES' RETURN FLIGHTS, THIS MAY BE HOPING FOR
TOO MUCH.

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